

**Daniel Smith to Andrew Jackson, December 29, 1806,
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DANIEL SMITH TO JACKSON.

Washington, December 29, 1806.

Dear Sir , The machinations of Col. Burr have excited more uneasiness in the mind of the executive than any other matter has of late, but they now consider the danger as nearly passed over. By the energetic conduct of Governor Tiffen of the State of Ohio, ten of his provision boats are arrested, two of his associates Blannerhassett and Comfort Tyler are fled. many young men who were on their march to join them have returned.

The intelligence respecting these matters you probably get before we do, being nearer the scene of action. The mails from the southward and westward arrive very irregularly if at all, especially from Orleans. That which is expected this evening (the stated time of its arrival) goes out so quickly there will be no time to answer any letter which may be conveyed to me by it.

There is a rumor here that a foreign power is to make an attack on Orleans by sea, I scarcely believe it. General Wilkinson is there, his army following him by the last accounts. The President confides in his fidelity.